

## NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

### Why is this Notice Important?\*

- The Public Service Commission has scheduled a public hearing.
- The Public Service Commission decides what rates a utility can charge.
- To learn more, you can visit this link: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117964>
- This Notice is for telecommunications customers of Lynchess River Communications, Incorporated and interested persons.

### What is Lynchess River Communications, Incorporated asking the Commission to approve?

- **Approve Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to provide the following services to consumers in Chesterfield, Kershaw and Lancaster Counties:**
- **Lifeline Service to qualifying South Carolina consumers**
  - Subsidized high speed internet and voice services to those qualifying
  - High speed fiber optic internet and VoIP
  - Common Carrier Services

### What is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier?

- An eligible telecommunications carrier is defined in federal law or statutes.
- State commissions can designate a telecommunications carrier as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- Eligible telecommunications carriers shall be eligible to receive universal service support for the service areas designated by state commissions in accordance with federal law.
- 47 U.S.C. Section 214

### What is Lifeline?

- a non-transferable retail service offering provided directly to qualifying low-income consumers
- qualifying low-income consumers pay reduced charges as a result of application of the Lifeline support
- 47 C.F.R. 54.401

**To read all of the issues involved in this case, please view the full case file at**

<https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117964>.

### **Who is the Public Service Commission (PSC)?**

The PSC watches over businesses that provide necessary services for day-to-day life, such as the telecommunications services provided by **Lynchess River Communications, Incorporated**.

What is the Case Number?	Docket No. <b>2021-316-C</b>
Where can I find this Case on the internet?	<a href="https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117964">https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117964</a>
Who Filed this Case?	<b>Lynchess River Communications, Incorporated</b>
When will the Commission hear the Company's case?*	<p><b>Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. This hearing is virtual unless changed by the Commission.</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> 101 Executive Center Drive, Hearing Room Columbia, South Carolina 29210</p> <p><b><u>Livestream the Hearing</u></b> at <a href="https://www.scetv.org/psc">https://www.scetv.org/psc</a></p>
How can I participate in the Company's case?	<p><b>Option 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File Public Comments or Letters of Protest by emailing <a href="mailto:contact@psc.sc.gov">contact@psc.sc.gov</a></li> </ul>



	<p style="text-align: center;">-OR-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mail Public Comments or Letters of Protest to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210</li> </ul> <p><b>Option 2:</b> File a Petition to Intervene to become an Intervenor. An Intervenor has the right to testify, cross-examine witnesses, and appeal the Commission's final decision. You may file a Petition to Intervene by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emailing <a href="mailto:contact@psc.sc.gov">contact@psc.sc.gov</a> no later than <b>Wednesday, November 17, 2021</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">-OR-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mailing a Petition to Intervene to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210 no later than <b>Wednesday, November 17, 2021</b> Please include your email address.</li> </ul> <p><b>You must give a copy of your petition to intervene to all Parties in this case.</b></p>
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\*The Case was filed according to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, Sections 54.101 through 54.207 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission, the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. §103-690.

\*\*This Hearing has been scheduled according to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817.

#### Who can I talk to about this Notice?

<b>Lynches River Communications, Incorporated</b>	803-771-0555
<b>Office of Regulatory Staff</b>	803-737-5230 or 1-800-922-1531
<b>Department of Consumer Affairs</b>	803-734-4200 or 1-800-922-1594
<b>Public Service Commission</b>	803-896-5100

**If the tariffs in this case contain a request for change of rates, the rates could be changed by the Commission in this case.**

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at **(803) 896-5100** or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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